

REMARKS

Claim 1-3, 7-9, 10-13 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ward et al. (U.S. 5,939,347).

Similarly, claims 1-4, 7-13 and 16-18 were rejected as being unpatentable over Stephan et al. (U.S. 5,965,677).

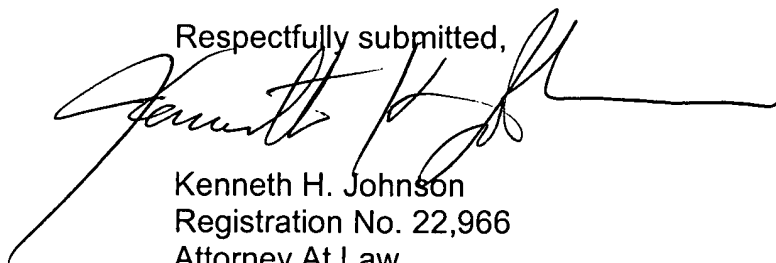
Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4, 7-13 and 16-18.

Claims 5-6 and 14-15 were identified by the examiner as representing Allowable subject matter, but as being objected to because of being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Moreover, claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reason of record.

Claim 5-6 and 14 have been amended so as to include all of the intervening limitations. In addition, claim 15 has been amended by replacing the term "catalyst system" with --process-- in response to the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that all matters raised by the examiner have been dealt with by the amended claims; that amended claims 5-6 and 14-15 are in condition for Allowance; and such Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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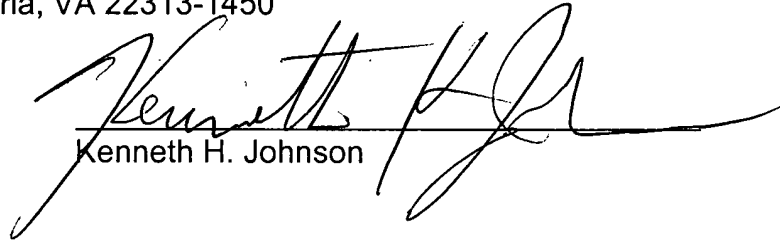


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